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Ms. Miller:

Thank you for the notification of the St. Charles County Council work session to be held on April 28. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has entered into an Interagency Agreement (IA) with EPA Region 7 to provide technical review and construction support to EPA in their oversight of the design and construction of the Isolation Barrier at West Lake Landfill. That IA became effective on April 15 and USACE is in the process of setting up our team. Over the next few weeks, the USACE team will begin reviewing historical project documents to have an understanding of the current status of the site characteristics within the context of design and construction of the Isolation Barrier. As we are at the beginning stages of our involvement with this project, there is no information we could provide at this time that would benefit a work session.

EPA has informed me that they will be sending a representative to the work session and they will be able to inform the St. Charles County Council of the tasks that USACE will perform in support of EPA. Attached is a news release that identifies the tasks USACE will perform and provides a link to the IA for more details.

Please note that EPA is the lead agency for the West Lake Superfund Site, and therefore, we request that you send any project inquiries and requests for USACE attendance to Mr. Dan Gravatt, EPA Region 7 Remedial Project Manager. Dan is copied on this email.

We look forward to supporting EPA and the community on this project.

Respectfully,

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From: Miller, Carol [mailto:CMiller@sccmo.org]
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Dear Ms. Kiefer,

Ms. Cotner suggested we refer this request to you:

The St. Charles County Council is holding a work session to gather information and educate themselves about the Bridgeton/Westlake Landfill and desires to hear from all parties involved in this site. I feel it is very important for you to attend to cover all aspects of this topic. Invitations have been extended to the EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOE, Republic Services, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Bridgeton Area Resident's Association, and the Pattonville Fire Protection District.

The work session begins at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014 in the County Council Chambers of the Executive Building at 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, Missouri 63301. Your attendance is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact our office. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

Joe Cronin

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EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Establish Interagency Agreement for Work on West Lake Landfill's Isolation Barrier

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Environmental News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Lenexa, Kan., April 17, 2014) – EPA Region 7 and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have established an interagency agreement outlining four tasks under which the Corps will provide assistance to EPA as the agency oversees the approaching construction of an isolation barrier at the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo.

As outlined in the agreement, which became effective April 15, 2014, those four tasks include providing technical assistance services, design review services, pre-construction and construction observation, and community relations support.

"EPA could not have a better partner than the Corps for this important project," EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks said. "The Corps brings to the table its proven expertise in handling major engineering projects to address challenging situations in effective and timely ways."

Under an order from the Missouri Attorney General, Republic Services, Inc., is required to install a barrier between the North Quarry Cell of Bridgeton Landfill and Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) of the West Lake Landfill. The purpose of the barrier is to prevent a subsurface smoldering event in Bridgeton Landfill's South Quarry Cell from making contact with radiologically impacted materials detected below the surface, in and near OU-1.

Because the isolation barrier will be placed on the West Lake Landfill portion of the site, EPA will be the lead agency to oversee its construction. Under the interagency agreement, EPA will receive assistance in its oversight role from the Corps, while actual construction of the barrier will be performed by a contractor hired by the site's potentially responsible parties (PRPs), EPA will seek to recover from the PRPs its costs of engaging the Corps.

A closer look at some of the isolation barrier activities under which the Corps will assist EPA:

- **Technical Assistance** – Efforts related to technical assistance and project initiation, management and support, including reviewing and commenting on various documents, reports and data; participation in discussions and negotiations; coordination of staffing and support activities; tracking and monitoring of costs and performance; and accommodation of external audits or reviews that EPA may require.
- **Design Review** – Includes providing reviews and comments on plans and preparations submitted at various stages of the project by the PRPs, including design plans and work plans, such as a waste handling and disposal plan, water management plan, and health and safety plan.
- **Pre-Construction and Construction Observation** – Includes daily observation of pre-construction and construction activities, and reporting on those activities to EPA on a daily basis. Reported observations will cover the adequacy of preparations, compliance with applicable plans, sequencing of operations, and any activities that may impact the effectiveness of the isolation barrier.

- **Community Relations Support** – Corps staff will attend and participate in Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings, and other public meetings and public availability sessions, as requested by EPA. Corps staff will assist EPA in explaining tasks and evaluations performed by the Corps.

Executing this interagency agreement for isolation barrier design and construction support is the EPA's first step in bringing the Corps' technical expertise to the West Lake site. The EPA is currently in discussions with the Corps regarding additional document reviews and support efforts that extend beyond the isolation barrier tasks.

A copy of the interagency agreement is available online at:

http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/pdf/west-lake-fy14-ia-sow.pdf

EPA has completed a legal order directing Republic Services to conduct pre-construction activities for the isolation barrier, such as site clearing and preparation, and staging of equipment.

A copy of the pre-construction order is available online at:

http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/pdf/west-lake-preconstruction-order-041614.pdf

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Learn more about EPA's work at West Lake Landfill:

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